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Gateway to the Islands



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*“Pretty much all the honest truth telling in the world is done by children.”
- Oliver Wendell Holmes*

NEW MEETING LOCATION!

**Sunshine Seafood Café
8750 Gladiolus Drive, Fort Myers**

Cost: \$11.00 (includes tax and tip)

**As a courtesy to our host, please RSVP promptly
– thank you!**

Meeting Calendar

July 6	Board Meeting – ALL members welcome!
July 13	Carol Simontacchi - Lifestyle education
July 20	Chris Heidrick - Heidrick & Co.
July 27	Rev. Rebecca G. Hines - Destiny Ministries of Southwest Florida, Inc.

Mark your calendars - District Convention August 26-29, Orlando

***Visit FloridaKiwaniis.com for more information and to register
Hotel reservation deadline - July 26th
Convention registration deadline - August 1st***

Please let Danielle Emery by July 6 if you plan to attend.

All club members are welcome!

Kiwanis International Webinars

Date and Time	Webinar Title
Wednesday, July 7, 2010 3 p.m., EDT	Finding the Right People - Building A Team Join us for a fun and interactive session where we will cover the key aspects of getting the right people on the bus: assessing skills, the personal ask, commitment and accountability.
Tuesday, July 13, 2010 8 p.m., EDT	ReMember Campaign Before deleting inactive club members, make an honest effort to “ReMember” them. The intent of the campaign is to re-involve the individual in the fellowship and service of the club. KI President, Paul Palazzolo, will review a checklist and guidelines to boost retention in your Kiwanis club.
Wednesday, July 14, 2010 3 p.m., EDT	Developing Your Kiwanis Calendar - The Critical Path to Success Remember, no one plans to fail, they fail to plan. Create a strategic plan of action and capture it in a calendar to follow throughout the year to keep you on track to meet your goals.
Monday, July 19, 2010 3 p.m., EDT	Habits of Successful Clubs A quality club with outstanding projects and valuable member experiences must be planned. Learn ten simple habits of successful clubs.

Visit www.kiwanisone.org/webinars for more information and registration.

GTTI's Biggest Fundraiser Continues!

Delicious Dining Discount books are now available for purchase. This year's edition contains “buy one get one” offers from 47 Lee County restaurants. At only \$20 per book, it's a great value. Last year, we raised over \$7,000 - help us raise even more this year! For more information, contact Viki Luster at: vluster@nvtlsi.com. To find out where to purchase books, visit our club website: www.kiwanisqtti.com.

Service Opportunities

Hats and Hugs – We continue to collect **NEW stuffed animals** for Children’s Advocacy Center and **hats** for The Children’s Hospital.

Tales for Tots – We are still collecting books for children ages 0-2 for Brightest Horizons.

The Heights Foundation – The Heights Foundation has invited GTTI members to attend its **Mom and Tots Play Group** on Wednesdays from 9:30-10:30 am at the United Way. If interested, please contact Diane Connell at: dconnell@cac-swfl.org.

June 29 Meeting Highlights

In lieu of a guest speaker, Danielle Emery gave a very informative update on the International Convention. She impressed upon us the impact Kiwanis has around the world and was encouraged to learn that many of the attendees are new to Kiwanis.

Kiwanis International unveiled The Eliminate Project, a partnership with UNICEF to save the lives of babies and their mothers by eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus (MNT), a disease that kills an estimated 60,000 newborns and 30,000 mothers each year. MNT is easily prevented by a series of three vaccinations to women of childbearing age, costing roughly \$1.80. The majority of mothers and newborns dying of MNT live in 40 countries located in Africa, and Southern and East Asia. Not only will The Eliminate Project protect women and babies from tetanus, the project also will create a path for other services, such as clean water, nutrition and other vaccines, to reach the world’s most vulnerable people. For more information, visit www.TheEliminateProject.org.

Danielle’s visit to the Convention Expo resulted in the following potential service project ideas:

Kids Against Hunger
Dictionary Program
Literacy
Fiscal Stewardship
Community Gardening

Kaboom Playgrounds
Boys and Girls Club
Pre-school/Camp Program
Water Purification

In addition, she brought back information on a possible fundraising program selling See's Candies (www.sees.com).

As a result of her experience at the Convention, Danielle recommended that we form a committee to address the club-wide issue of membership. In addition, she encouraged members to take advantage of all the resources Kiwanis International has to offer including district conventions (Florida's will be on August 26-29), and the website, www.kiwanisone.org.

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